

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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MEMORANDUM FOR WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

SUBJECT: 172D Stryker Brigade Redeployment is delayed

The 172D Stryker Brigade deployed to Iraq in August 2005. They were scheduled to redeploy to Alaska the end of July/August 2006 timeframe. The military has now extended their deployment due to the current situation in Iraq. Their redeployment window is unknown at this time.

Family members have bought airline tickets to meet soldiers returning to Alaska. Soldiers and family members have also bought airline tickets and made travel arrangements for block leave / vacation in September 2006. Some soldiers have weddings scheduled that now have to be postponed.

Request your consideration in reimbursing / changing airline tickets, reservations etc due to the extension.

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